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SUBJECT: VISAS FOR RHODESIAN INTERNAL LEADERS

1. HMG WOULD STRONGLY PREFER USG NOT RPT NOT ISSUE
VISA FOR SMITH, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO ISSUANCE OF
VISAS TO MUZOREWA, SITHOLE OR CHIRAU. HMG BELIEVES
THIS DISTINCTION BETWEEN SMITH AND OTHER LEADERS CAN
BE DEFENDED BY USE OF HMG'S RATIONALE, DESCRIBED BELOW.

2. BASIC HMG POLICY, EXPLAINED IN PARLIAMENT IN 1968,
IS TO REFUSE ENTRY TO SMITH AND ALL MEMBERS OR SUPPORTERS
OF THE ILLEGAL RHODESIAN REGIME. WHILE MUZOREWA ET AL
ARE "MEMBERS OF THE ILLEGAL REGIME", FOREIGN SECRETARY
OWEN ADVISED PARLIAMENT THAT HMG WILL TREAT THEM IN THE
SAME WAY THEY WERE TREATED BEFORE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT
ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEIR AFFILIATION WITH THE ILLEGAL
GOVERNMENT WAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF EFFECTING THE TRANSI-

MENT. SMITH HAS YET TO PROVE HIS BONA FIDES IN THIS
REGARD .

3. FYI: PATRICK LAVER, HEAD OF RHODESIA DEPARTMENT
ALSO OBSERVED THAT SMITH VISIT AT TIME WHEN A SECOND
VERSION OF THE HELMS AMENDMENT IS UNDER CONSIDERATION
COULD CAUSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR HMG AS WELL AS USG,
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SINCE SMITH WOULD PROBABLY RECEIVE NATIONAL TELEVISION
COVERAGE AND LOBBY STRONGLY FOR U.S. ACCEPTANCE OF
INTERNAL SETTLEMENT.

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